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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of : Hermanus J. Effing  
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For : BOOST CONVERTER  
Group No. : 2838  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

This communication responds to a Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2008, which has a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on March 1, 2009. As this Reply is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, the Applicants request an Advisory Action.